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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS  
CAPABLE OF READING OUT IMAGE  
SIGNALS WHILE THINNING THEM DOWN  
HORIZONTALLY AND SIGNAL READING  
METHOD THEREFOR

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 5 and 6, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to October 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 13 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.